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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, UN, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH FRONT LINE STATES

REF: STATE 117389

1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON SERGIO VIEIRA ON ANOTHER MATTER
AFTERNOON MAY 9 (REPORTED SEPTTEL), I MADE PRESENTATION ON NAMIBIA
AS INSTRUCTED PARA TWO REFTEL. I ALSO LEFT WITH VIEIRA A
COPY OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S MAY 6 SECURITY COUNCIL STATEMENT AND
INFORMED VIEIRA OF THE STRONG REPRESENTATION THAT WE HAD MADE
TO SOUTH AFRICA UPON LEARNING OF RAID.
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2. VIEIRA SHARES OUR CONCERN THAT RAID HAS ALREADY CAUSED DELAY
IN MOVING AHEAD WITH OUR PROPOSAL. VIEIRA BELIEVES RAID MAY HAVE
BEEN PLANNED BY THOSE WITHIN THE NATIONALIST PARTY (HE MENTIONED
DEFENSE MINISTER BOTHA BY NAME) WHO DO NOT WISH TO SEE A NE-
GOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA.

3. VIEIRA SAID THAT THE MOZAMBICANS HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NJOMA OR SWAPO SINCE THE RAID BUT HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY NJOMA HAD DECIDED NOT TO MEET WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK ON MAY 8. VIEIRA THINKS THAT SWAPO MAY USE THE RAID TO RENEW ITS ARGUMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE QUARTERED IN BASES IN THE SOUTH OF NAMIBIA.

4. VIEIRA AGREED THAT THE CONTACT GROUP SHOULD PRESS FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL DESPITE THE RAID. HE DID NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY OF FRONT LINE MEETING NOR DID I RAISE IT. I THINK VIEIRA WOULD FAVOR SUCH A MEETING PROVIDED NJOMA AND KEY SWAPO LEADERS COULD BE PRESENT.

5. MACHEL'S PARTICIPATION IN FRONT LINE MEETING IS DOUBTFUL SINCE HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR A TRIP TO THE FAR EAST SOMETIME THIS WEEKEND. ONE REPORT HAS MACHEL'S DEPARTURE ON MAY 12, ANOTHER ON MAY 13. FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO REPORTEDLY WILL ACCOMPANY MACHEL. IN THEIR ABSENCE EITHER MINISTER OF STATE MONTEIRO OR SERGIO VIEIRA WOULD BE LIKELY TO REPRESENT MOZAMBIQUE. BOTH RECENTLY RETURNED FROM NEW YORK AND ARE UP TO DATE ON LATEST NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENTS. FROM ALL THAT VIEIRA SAID TODAY, I THINK HE WILL ARGUE THAT THE FRONT LINE SHOULD PRESS SWAPO TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL.
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